

**Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute**  
**Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes**  
August 26, 2009  
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*NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.*

**LHRC Members in Attendance:** Greg Casker, Esther Goins, Jeff Rodden, Lesa Shelton, Thelma Wright

**LHRC Members Not in Attendance:** Mary Boyd, Verna Hendrickson

**Other Representatives in Attendance:** Roanna Deal, Human Rights Advocate Senior

**Minutes Recorder:** Jerri Phillips, SVMHI

**LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule:** The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ [www.svmhi.dmhmrssas.virginia.gov](http://www.svmhi.dmhmrssas.virginia.gov) under the heading of Client Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Chairman Greg Casker called to order the August 26, 2009 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 4:00 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July 21, 2009 and August 11, 2009 were approved.

**Affiliation Requests:** Centra Health and New Hope Support Services had presented their approval requests at the August 11, 2009 meeting. Due to the absence of a quorum, the committee voted approval on this date. Letters confirming the vote will be sent to Central Health and New Hope Support Services.

**Vote on Consumer LHRC Membership:** One consumer committee member (M.B.) was appointed to the committee in February, 2009 and has been able to attend only one meeting due to illness. The committee approved a letter that the HR Advocate has written to the State Human Rights Committee recommending that M. B. no longer serve on the committee. She encourages M.B. to reapply when her health permits her to do so.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled LHRC meeting will be held October 20, 2009, at 4 PM in the Betty Whitehead Room at Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

**Executive Session:** The Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a Fact Finding Hearing for a consumer of Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The motion was made and passed that the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code 2.1-3.44 .

Upon reconvening in public session, the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC unanimously certified that the best of each Committee member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene in Executive Session were discussed in Executive Session.

**Adjournment:** 7:20 pm.

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